Involvement of Pakistani persons in crimes

924. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Pakistan had categorically denied to hand over the persons who were involved in various crimes and terrorist activities in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that India had made a proposal in this behalf during the recent visit of Pakistan Foreign Secretary?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Government has, from time to time, given to Pakistan lists of fugitives from Indian law wanted for crimes/terrorist acts in India and known to be in Pakistan, with the request that they be apprehended and handed over to India. The issue was raised again during the Home Secretary level talks on May 30-31, 2006 in Islamabad and the Foreign Secretary talks on November 14-15, 2006 in New Delhi. Pakistan has not responded positively to these requests. However, during the foreign Secretary talks Pakistan expressed its willingness to cooperate based on specific inputs provided by India on terrorist incidents.

Water diversion project of China

925. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain water diversion projects undertaken by China in its territory is likely to have adverse impact on India;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There are reports regarding China undertaking projects to divert waters of the Brahmaputra river. The Spokeman of the Chinese Ministery of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Ambassador in India have denied such reports saying that China has no such plans to build a dam and divert water from the Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmaputra) to the Yellow River.